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DEPARTMENT FOR AF/C

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SUBJECT: TRANSOCEANIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REF: (A) STATE 215934 (NOTAL), (B) BRAZZAVILLE 1216,
(C) BRAZZAVILLE 1217 (NOTAL), (D) BRAZZAVILLE 1218 (NOTAL),
(E) BRAZZAVILLE 1219 (NOTAL)

1. FOR BRAZZAVILLE: GREATLY APPRECIATE REFTELS, WHICH GIVE
US TOTALLY DIFFERENT SLANT ON TRANSOCEANIC THAN WE HAVE HAD
UP UNTIL NOW. IF THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER YOU CAN TELL US,
WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL.

2. FOR DEPT: GIVEN BRAZZAVILLE REFTELS, IT QUITE EVIDENT
THAT DESPITE STATE 215934 AND DOC 14998, GREAT DEAL MORE
IS KNOWN IN WASHINGTON ABOUT THIS FIRM THAN WE HAVE BEEN
LED TO BELIEVE. (REFTEL (C) IS 77 BRAZZAVILLE 003, REFTTEL
(D) IS 77 BRAZZAVILLE 068, AND REFTTEL (E) IS 77 BRAZZAVILLE
108). IN LIGHT THESE TELEGRAMS, WE SEE NO WAY WE CAN
TRANSMIT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE CONTENTS OF REFTELS (A) AND (B)
TO GOG WITHOUT MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING THAN WE NOW HAVE.

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77 BRAZZAVILLE 068, PARA 6, STATES QUITE CLEARLY THAT
CONGOLESE "PRESIDENT IS WELL AWARE OF OUR RESERVATIONS
AND OUR ADVICE." MAY WE KNOW WHAT THOSE RESERVATIONS
AND THAT ADVICE WAS? WE ALSO NOTE PARA 8 OF SAME
BRAZZAVILLE REFTTEL, PARTICULARLY LAST TWO SENTENCES,
WHICH REPORT EMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE'S TENTATIVE EVALUATION
OF THIS COMPANY. NONE OF THIS SQUARES WITH STATE

215934. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT
WOULD LOOK AT SITUATION AGAIN. IF, DESPITE BRAZZAVILLE
REFTELS, YOUR JUDGEMENT OF WHAT WE SHOULD TELL GABONESE
IS UNCHANGED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION. TIENKEN

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